

<b>NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN</b>		<b>No. 00-711</b>
<b>TO:</b>	All Public School Districts and County Offices of Education with Sites Eligible for Summer Food Service Program Start-Up or Expansion Grants	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> February 2001
<b>ATTENTION:</b>	Food Service Directors	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	California Summer Food Service Program Start-Up and Expansion Grants	

**CALIFORNIA  
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM  
START-UP AND EXPANSION GRANT  
APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
APRIL 13, 2001**

The California Department of Education (CDE), Nutrition Services Division (NSD), has funds available for schools and county offices of education to assist in implementing or expanding the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Budget Act of 2000 authorized CDE to award grants of up to \$15,000 to eligible public school districts and county offices of education for one-time expenses involved in initiating or expanding the SFSP.

School districts and county offices of education may apply on behalf of eligible schools or sites meeting the following criteria:

- The school district agrees to establish school and nonschool sites in an area where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals;
- The school district agrees to operate the program for a minimum of three years beginning with the fiscal year that the start-up or expansion grants are approved; and
- The school district agrees to have schools sites open its food service facilities to feed children in the community as well as those enrolled in their summer school.

Because of timelines involved in approving and encumbering funds by the end of the 2000-2001 fiscal year, grant applications must be **received no later than April 13, 2001**.

Start-up and expansion funds must **only** be used for **nonrecurring costs**, such as equipment, minor alterations to accommodate new equipment, or training staff in new skills related to the

SFSP. Funds may **not** be used for staff salaries, benefits, food, any other recurring costs, or for such nonrecurring costs as computers or capital outlay.

School districts receiving grants are expected to either implement the SFSP or undertake expansion activities and obligate funds no later than June 30, 2001.

School districts and county offices of education are encouraged to consider taking advantage of these start-up and expansion grants. The SFSP may benefit a student's academic success by helping to ensuring that they are well nourished and ready to learn. Attached are the grant application and instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Garza, Program Analyst, Nutrition Program Management Unit, at (916) 322-5885, (800) 952-5609, or [mgarza@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mgarza@cde.ca.gov).

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